

Dates to remember	
Wed 10th Sept - <i>weather dependent</i>	Wilding Pines community service (William Pike)
Wed 10th Sept	Headstart for 4 year olds
Thur 11th Sept	No skiing
Fri 12th Sept	Ohau ski races - for some students
Mon 15th Sept	ECAN visit to support Term 3 Inquiry
Tues 16th Sept	Food for Thought programme / Health Y1-Y8
Fri 19th Sept	End of term Assembly
Term 4	School Photos

Principal's Message	<i>'Mā muri ka ora a mua'</i> <i>Those who follow give life to those who lead</i>
<p><u>Sickness:</u> This has been a super tough term with a range of sickness for both students, parents and staff. The sickness ranges from fever to cough, to runny nose, to aching muscles, to fatigue and even tonsillitis. It has certainly been rough and interruptive. Let's hope the holidays help break the cycle.</p> <p><u>Elections:</u> An email will be sent out today with information on the upcoming school board elections. Please read over this information carefully.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominations will close at noon on 8th October.</li> <li>• Voting will close at 4pm on 12th November</li> </ul> <p><u>Consultation Meeting:</u></p> <p>Early next term we will be holding a parent community consultation meeting as we prepare our new Strategic Plan for the next 3 years. This is a great opportunity for you to have your say about school matters and the direction and forecast of Omarama School for the next few years.</p> <p>Once the date has been decided we will inform you and encourage you all to attend. This is a great opportunity to make suggestions, share your thoughts and reflect on the current school climate.</p>	

## Otago Cross Country

## Briar McKerchar Year 6

Briar McKerchar attended the Otago Cross Country event in Dunedin, last Friday. Congratulations for your superb effort and dedication to travel to Dunedin and attend this event.

Briar placed 33rd and had a great day with the rain holding off. We are proud of you Briar.



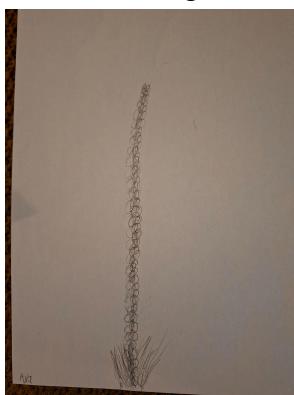
## Ahuriri sharing

## Lupin sketches

Last Friday when Mrs Holden was teaching in Ahuriri, they were looking at New Zealand travel websites to consider all the wonderful activities and places to visit in our little village. The students were making wonderful connections to their parents' place of work and were showing interest in gliding, A2O bike track, hot pools and places to fish and hunt.

As part of our local curriculum studies lupin plants were identified as being a symbolic plant of the local area. The students took great pride in sketching lupins, whilst paying attention to the intricate detail of such a plant.

There is some great art talent in our school!



## Clay Cliffs sharing

## Water system

Clay Cliffs had a go trying to bake caramel tarts, they didn't work out as hoped. The year 7 and 8s have been cooking in Twizel as part of their technology program, they have made courgette fritters and granola over the past couple of weeks. Omarama Rebels went to Oamaru to compete in the 6 aside hockey tournament. They played well and managed to win 2 out of their 5 games.

Congratulations to Gemma who got most improved in Netball in her year 6 team and Charlotte most valuable player in her Netball team. Kurow Black.

This week we were looking at water and how it is treated, looked after and arrives at our taps. Students had a challenge scenario to complete involving building a filtration system, testing ph and removing dirt before delivering a certain percentage of water to each container.



## Clay Cliffs sharing



## Water system



## Consultation Meeting

## Term 4 - Parent meeting

Please keep a watch out for this date, as we want to engage with all our school community. This date is likely to be in the first 2 weeks of the new term.

## Term 4 - Health lessons

## Health Nurse

In term 4 our Health school health nurse will be visiting our students to conduct lessons on a variety of topics. Our health nurse visits school, every term and her name is Verena Burchall (based in Oamaru)

Y7-8 - Puberty and Well-Being  
Y4-6 - Body Image and Well - Being  
Y1-3 - Hygiene and being kind



## Skiing

## Weather

Unfortunately we have once again not experienced a great ski season. Thursday's are not proving to be good weather days up at Ohau.

Mr Hannagan has been in touch with Will at Ohau ski field to see if there are any other days / dates available, but that is not looking promising. There is very little we can do about it when Ohau closes their ski field.

This coming Thursday the teachers are attending professional development in Oamaru. The school is open with Kay Mason and Pip Smith teaching, but it will not be a school skiing today. Therefore our ski season is finished for 2025.

Netball Celebration	Gemma McMurtire
<p>Gemma is a keen netball player and has been attending all of her practices and games this year. She plays for the Twizel netball club. The season has just finished now and Gemma has received a certificate and engraved trophy for the 'Most Improved Player'.</p> <p>Congratulations Gemma - what a great achievement!</p> <p>Keep up this great work and I hope you continue With Netball in 2026.</p> <p>Gemma - Most Improved Player</p>	

Brooklyn Lord	Welcome to School
<p>Brooklyn has been attending Headstart lessons for several months now and she is well and truly ready for school. Brooklyn is Liam Lord's little sister.</p> <p>Welcome Brooklyn and enjoy your time at Omarama School. We are looking forward to you joining Ahuriri.</p> <p>Brooklyn had a lovely first day at school yesterday.</p> <p>She is super happy and ready to be a school girl.</p> <p>Welcome Brooklyn!</p> <p>Happy Birthday to this delightful 5 year old.</p>	

## LIGHT Value Celebrations

Congratulations to these students for receiving LIGHT awards recently. Well deserved and great to see you all upholding our school values! Keep it up.

Gemma 30 Light awards



Nicole 50 Light awards

Mazie 30 Light awards

Rewards include independent time and stationery



**Birthdays to celebrate this fortnight.**

**Arlo Leopold (10), Brooklyn Lord (5) - Happy Birthday to you both!**

## Headstart, Enrolments, Website, Facebook

- Headstart is on a Wednesday afternoon - 2pm - 3pm, all 4 year olds in the area are most welcome. Please contact the school if you intend on coming along.
- School Website at [www.omarama.school.nz](http://www.omarama.school.nz)
- School Facebook page - to be launched soon
- Skool Loop app is our preferred means of fast communication or reminders.

Please **install the Skool Loop** app as we have now been using this form of communication for the past 18 months now for fast communication.

## Community Notices



### Tips for Healthy Teeth

- Brush twice a day with fluoride toothpaste
- Choose healthy snacks,
- Choose water or milk first,
- Have regular dental check-ups

Health New Zealand  
Te Whatu Ora

The Community Dental Service will be closed for the upcoming school holidays

**Closed from: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September,  
Reopening on: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October.**

Six of our community dental clinics will be open during this School Holiday period:

**Aranui** (240 Breezes Road)  
**Burnside** (96a Memorial Avenue)  
**Kaiapoi** (65 Raven Quay)  
**Hornby** (2 Hei Hei Road)  
**Ashburton** (38 Elizabeth Street)  
**Timaru** (18 Woollcombe Street)

If your child is experiencing any dental pain/discomfort, you can call us on **0800 846 983** and/or email: [commdental@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:commdental@cdhb.health.nz) and one of our clinicians will contact you.